

2919.1911 of the Revised Code to generally prohibit an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat and to create the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support.
(Committee on Health recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, December 13, 2017, p. 1387.)

H. B. No. 261 – Representatives Anielski, Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West
To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.875 of the Revised Code to create the Walsh Jesuit license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

Am. H. B. No. 264 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Johnson, West
To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Hudson City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1128.)

Am. H. B. No. 265 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Johnson, West
To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.906 of the Revised Code to create the "Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1128.)

H. B. No. 266 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West
To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.907 of the Revised Code to create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 270 – Representatives Smith, K., Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Hagan, Leland, Kelly, Greenspan, Craig, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Boccieri, Strahorn, Faber, West, Sweeney, Riedel, Boyd, Cera, Sykes, Antonio, Celebreeze, Howse, Young, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Kick To enact section 5534.491 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of I-271 in Cuyahoga County as the "Captain Michael Palumbo Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1129.)

Sub. H. B. No. 271 – Representatives McColley, Rezabek

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Antani, Wiggam, Arndt, Hood, Kochler, Sweeney, Kick, Thompson, Riedel, Seitz, Lipps, Goodman, Dean, Scherer, Green, Blessing, Schaffer, Hughes
To enact section 4112.16 of the Revised Code to authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation.

(Committee on Civil Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, February 1, 2018, p. 1499.)

H. B. No. 285 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Lepore-Hagan, West

To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.876 of the Revised Code to create the "North Royalton City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, November 16, 2017, p. 1173.)

H. B. No. 287 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact section 4503.593 of the Revised Code to create the "Post-Traumatic Stress" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, November 16, 2017, p. 1174.)

H. B. No. 288 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Lepore-Hagan, West

To amend section 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.878 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Heights Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, November 16, 2017, p. 1174.)

H. B. No. 290 – Representative Blessing

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Lepore-Hagan

To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.908 of the Revised Code to create the St. Xavier High School license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, November 16, 2017, p. 1174.)

H. B. No. 294 – Representative Boccieri

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Riedel, Smith, K., Lepore-Hagan, Craig, Galonski, Kent, Romanchuk, West, Patton, Lippis, Sweeney, O'Brien, Miller, Holmes, Fedor, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Reece

To enact sections 5534.411 and 5534.412 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 224 in Mahoning County as the "Patrolman Charles K. Yates Memorial Highway" and a portion of State Route 170 in Mahoning County as the "Patrolman Richard E. Becker Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, November 30, 2017, p. 1336.)

Sub. H. B. No. 297 – Representative Hagan

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Dean, Riedel, Vitale, Goodman, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, West

To amend sections 2131.12, 2131.13, 4519.55, and 4519.60 of the Revised Code to allow persons to establish a joint ownership with right of survivorship with respect to an all-purpose vehicle or off-highway motorcycle and to allow owners of a motor vehicle, all-purpose vehicle, off-highway motorcycle, watercraft, or outboard motor who have joint ownership with right of survivorship to transfer title through a transfer-on-death designation.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, December 7, 2017, p. 1370.)

H. B. No. 306 – Representative Gonzales

Cosponsors: Representatives Riedel, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.4992 of the Revised Code to create the "Gold Ribbon Awareness" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, December 7, 2017, p. 1371.)

H. B. No. 308 – Representative Cera

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, West

To enact section 5534.64 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 7 in Belmont County as the "Ohio Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1063.)

H. B. No. 309 – Representatives Gonzales, Rezabek

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Goodman, Rutherford, Boggs, Thompson, Miller, Dean, Kent, Brenner, Sheehy, Young

To enact sections 2131.03, 2131.031, 2131.032, 2131.033, and 2131.034 of the Revised Code to generally prohibit a person's blindness from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver, regarding a minor.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends passage, see House Journal, December 14, 2017, p. 1412.)

H. B. No. 313 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Lanese, Sprague, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Johnson

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.594 of the Revised Code to create the "Pelotonia" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1132.)

H. B. No. 315 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Holmes, Ashford, Carfagna

To enact section 5.257 of the Revised Code to designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1132.)

H. B. No. 316 – Representatives Arndt, Stein

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact section 1546.30 of the Revised Code to designate a picnic area in Kelleys Island State Park as the "Henry T. Beatty Memorial Picnic Area."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, November 29, 2017, p. 1323.)

H. B. No. 319 – Representative Lanese

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Arndt, Ashford, Carfagna

To enact section 5.036 of the Revised Code to designate a shelter pet as Ohio's official pet.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1132.)

H. B. No. 321 – Representatives Koehler, Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Goodman, Riedel, Brenner, Sweeney, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.891 of the Revised Code to create the "Lions Club" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

H. B. No. 323 – Representative Patterson

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Hambley

To amend section 701.10 of the Revised Code to authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, December 7, 2017, p. 1371.)

H. B. No. 324 – Representatives Ashford, Sheehy

Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Leland, Romanchuk, Rogers, Sweeney, Thompson, Smith, K., Miller, Lepore-Hagan, West, Riedel, Patton, Boccieri, Strahorn, Clyde, Boggs, Celebrazione, Ingram, Kent, Huffman, Fedor, Patterson, Reece, Faber, Kelly, Craig, Antonio, Sykes, O'Brien, Young, Holmes, Ramos, Green, Greenspan, Householder, Hughes, Keller, Kick, Manning

To enact section 5534.48 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of Interstate Route 75 in Lucas County as the "Toledo Firefighters J. Dickman and S. Machcinski Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

Sub. H. B. No. 325 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Fedor, Lepore-Hagan, Romanchuk, Thompson, Boccieri, Miller, Goodman, Dever, Sweeney, Rogers, Green, Sheehy, West

To enact sections 5534.413, 5534.76, and 5534.79 of the Revised Code to designate multiple memorial highways.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, December 7, 2017, p. 1372.)

H. B. No. 328 – Representatives Ingram, Kelly

Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Ashford, Boccieri, Craig, Miller, Reece, Riedel, Smith, K., Sweeney, Green, Sheehy, Lepore-Hagan, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.951 of the Revised Code to create the "Cincinnati City School District" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, November 29, 2017, p. 1323.)

H. B. No. 330 – Representative Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Ashford, Boggs, Celebrazione, Craig, Kelly, Kent, Lepore-Hagan, Miller, Patton, Ramos, Riedel, Romanchuk, Scherer, Smith, K., Sweeney, West, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Manning

To enact section 5534.494 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 91 in Willoughby as the "Patrolman Jason Gresko Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1065.)

H. B. No. 335 – Representatives Lepore-Hagan, Howse

Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Boccieri, Ingram, Kent, Riedel, Smith, K., Sykes, West, Young, Barnes, Johnson

To enact section 5.2516 of the Revised Code to designate April as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, November 1, 2017, p. 1147.)

Sub. H. B. No. 343 – Representative Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Hambley, Becker, Brinkman, Riedel, Dean,

Goodman, Henne, Householder, Retherford

To amend section 5715.19 of the Revised Code to require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, January 16, 2018, p. 1426.)

H. B. No. 344 – Representatives Hambley, Kick

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Lepore-Hagan, Reece, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.764 of the Revised Code to create the "Medina County" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, November 30, 2017, p. 1337.)

H. B. No. 347 – Representatives Kelly, Dever

Cosponsors: Representatives Antani, Antonio, Ashford, Blessing, Boccieri, Brinkman, Craig, Goodman, Hughes, Ingram, Leland, Ramos, Reece, Retherford, Riedel, Rogers, Romanchuk, Seitz, Smith, K., Sweeney, Thompson, West, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Householder, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, Manning

To enact section 5534.492 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of I-71 in Hamilton County as the "Sonny L. Kim Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, December 14, 2017, p. 1413.)

H. B. No. 350 – Representative Craig

Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Ashford, Boccieri, Faber, Hill, Holmes, Kelly, Leland, Lepore-Hagan, Patton, Riedel, Rogers, Romanchuk, Smith, K., West, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Johnson, Kick, Reece

To enact section 5534.481 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 317 in Franklin County as the "Patrolman Dane L. Rowe Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, January 24, 2018, p. 1462.)

H. B. No. 351 – Representatives Perales, Butler

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Boccieri, Goodman, Hood, Johnson, McColley, Vitale, Schaffer, Green, Hambley, Householder, Patmon, Retherford

To amend section 718.01 of the Revised Code to require municipal corporations to exempt from taxation the military pay of members of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, January 30, 2018, p. 1479.)

Am. H. B. No. 361 – Representative Greenspan

Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Blessing

To amend section 5715.19 of the Revised Code to increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, December 7, 2017, p. 1373.)

H. B. No. 366 – Representative Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Smith, K., Ginter, LaTourette, Becker, Brenner, Lang

To amend sections 3119.01, 3119.02, 3119.021, 3119.04, 3119.05, 3119.06, 3119.22, 3119.23, 3119.24, 3119.29, 3119.30, 3119.302, 3119.31, 3119.32, 3119.61, 3119.63, 3119.76, 3119.79, 3119.89, 3121.36, and 3123.14; to enact new sections 3119.022 and 3119.023 and sections 3119.051, 3119.231, and 3119.303; and to repeal sections 3119.022, 3119.023, and 3119.024 of

the Revised Code to make changes to the laws governing child support.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends passage, see House Journal, February 1, 2018, p. 1500.)

Sub. H. B. No. 371 – Representative Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Seitz, Lang, Kick, Becker, Vitale, Riedel, Brinkman, Romanchuk, Keller, Hood, Zeltwanger, Dean, Goodman, Householder, Rutherford
To enact section 5709.51 of the Revised Code to exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development for eight years or until construction commences or the land is sold.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, January 16, 2018, p. 1427.)

H. B. No. 383 – Representative Carfagna

Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, LaTourette, Boggs, Galonski, Ingram, Miller, Boyd, Barnes, Howse, Kent
To enact section 5104.043 of the Revised Code regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends passage, see House Journal, January 18, 2018, p. 1453.)

H. B. No. 388 – Representatives Sykes, Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Galonski, DeVitis, Green, Sheehy, Howse, Hughes, Johnson, Kick, Lepore-Hagan, Patton, West
To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.595 of the Revised Code to create the "Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, January 24, 2018, p. 1462.)

Sub. H. B. No. 392 – Representative Stein

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Hambley, Henne, Hill, Kick, Kochler, Rutherford, Riedel, Roegner, Thompson, West
To enact section 909.19 of the Revised Code to grant specified apiary owners immunity in personal injury or property damage cases involving bee stings.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, January 24, 2018, p. 1463.)

H. B. No. 400 – Representative Holmes

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sweeney, Boccieri, Hood, Riedel, Green, Sheehy, Howse, Hughes, Johnson, Kick, Lepore-Hagan
To enact section 5534.82 of the Revised Code to designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of State Route 169 in Trumbull County, as the "World War I and World War II Veterans Memorial Bridge."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, January 24, 2018, p. 1463.)

H. B. No. 401 – Representative Holmes

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sweeney, Boccieri, Hood, Riedel, Miller, Green, Sheehy, Howse, Hughes, Johnson, Kick, Lepore-Hagan
To enact section 5534.81 of the Revised Code to designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of United States Route 422 in Girard, as the "Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bridge."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, January 24, 2018, p. 1464.)

Am. H. B. No. 405 – Representative Perales

Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Boccieri, Dever, Fedor, Miller, Schaffer, Sheehy, Slaby, Smith, K., Sweeney, Vitale, Manning, Rezabek, Celebreeze, Galonski, Rogers, Seitz
To amend section 2923.31 and to enact section 2913.30 of the Revised Code to create the offense of counterfeiting and to include counterfeiting within the definition of "corrupt activity" under the Corrupt Activities Law.

(Committee on Criminal Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, January 24, 2018, p. 1464.)

H. B. No. 407 – Representatives Dever, Seitz

Cosponsor: Representative Manning
To amend sections 2103.02, 2103.09, and 2106.24 of the Revised Code to abolish the estate by dower.

(Committee on Civil Justice recommends passage, see House Journal, January 25, 2018, p. 1474.)

H. B. No. 410 – Representatives Seitz, Butler

Cosponsors: Representatives Brinkman, Merrin, Hood, Becker, Brenner, Wiggam, Lang, Rutherford, Patton, Blessing, Vitale
To amend sections 1901.18, 1901.20, 1907.02, 1907.031, 4511.092, 4511.093, 4511.096, 4511.097, 4511.098, 4511.0910, 5747.51, and 5747.53, to enact new sections 4511.099 and 5747.502, and to repeal sections 4511.099, 4511.0915, and 5747.502 of the Revised Code to grant municipal and county courts original and exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action concerning a traffic law violation, to specify that the court require an advance deposit for the filing of specified civil actions by the local authority bringing the civil action, and to modify the reporting requirements and LGF withholding that apply to subdivisions that operate traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends passage, see House Journal, February 13, 2018, p. 1521.)

Sub. H. B. No. 415 – Representatives Greenspan, Ryan

Cosponsors: Representatives Arndt, Carfagna, Dever, Gavarone, Ginter, Hill, Kick, Lang, Lipps, Riedel, Schaffer, Seitz, Sweeney, Young, Hambley, Boyd, Brown, O'Brien
To amend sections 131.44 and 131.51 and to enact section 131.52 of the Revised Code to allocate one-half of any surplus revenue to a new Local Government Road Improvement Fund, from which money will be distributed to local governments to fund road improvements.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, February 7, 2018, p. 1518.)

Am. H. R. No. 193 – Representatives Antonio, Strahorn

Cosponsors: Representatives Leland, Ramos, Cera, Rogers, Boccieri, Ashford, Craig, Celebreeze, Boggs, Lepore-Hagan, West, Kent, Galonski, Holmes, Sweeney, Schuring, Speaker Rosenberger, Representatives Sprague, Huffman, LaTourette, Faber, Romanchuk, Seitz, Riedel, Carfagna, Rutherford
A resolution urging Congress to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the late Senator John Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends amended resolution for adoption, see House Journal, December 7, 2017, p. 1369.)

Sub. S. B. No. 1 – Senator LaRose

Cosponsors: Senators Gardner, Hoagland, Bacon, Hottinger, Beagle, Oelslager, Yuko, Hite, Eklund, Manning, Burke, Terhar, Hackett, O'Brien, Balderson, Huffman, Kunze, Lehner, Obhof, Peterson, Uecker, Wilson
Representatives Manning, Rezabek, Butler, Lang

To amend sections 2925.01, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.36, 2929.01, 2929.13, 2929.14, 2941.1410, 3719.41, 3719.99, and 4729.99 of the Revised Code to increase penalties for drug trafficking violations; drug possession violations, and aggravated funding of drug trafficking when the drug involved in the offense is a fentanyl-related compound, except for drug possession violations when the fentanyl-related compound is combined with marihuana or a Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance and the offender did not know of the fentanyl content; to revise the manner of determining sentence for certain violations of the offense of permitting drug abuse; and to add lisdexamfetamine to the list of schedule II controlled substances.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, January 31, 2018, p. 1484.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 29, 2017, p. 304.)

(Senate committee on Judiciary recommends substitute bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 249.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna
To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

Am. S. B. No. 44 – Senator LaRose

Cosponsors: Senators Oelslager, Gardner, Brown, Williams, Hoagland, Coley, Thomas, Tavares, Yuko, Hite, Terhar, Hackett, Eklund, Beagle, Sykes, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hottinger, Huffman, Kunze, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Schiavoni, Wilson Representatives Blessing, Faber, Ginter, Greenspan
To amend sections 705.92, 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, and 3517.11 of the Revised Code to allow certain campaign committees and other entities to file campaign finance statements electronically, to require the Secretary of State to make the information in those electronic statements available online, and to change deadlines for petitions to remove elected officials of certain municipal corporations.

(House committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, December 7, 2017, p. 1365.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 210.)

Am. Sub. S. B. No. 77 – Senator Coley

Cosponsors: Senators Hackett, Sykes, Williams, Yuko, Schiavoni, Eklund, Uecker, Tavares, Kunze, LaRose, Brown, Beagle, Bacon, Burke, Dolan, Gardner, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Terhar, Thomas, Wilson Representatives Green, West

To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.98 and to enact section 4503.4910 of the Revised Code to create the "KylerStrong Foundation" license plate and to make changes to the "Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation" and "Westerville Parks Foundation" license plates.

(House committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, November 9, 2017, p. 1167.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 476.)

(Senate committee on Transportation, Commerce and Workforce recommends substitute bill for passage, see Senate Journal, June 1, 2017, p. 438.)

Am. S. B. No. 86 – Senator Hackett

Cosponsors: Senators Brown, Eklund, Schiavoni, Skindell, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Yuko, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Gardner, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Thomas, Wilson Representative Hambley

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the twenty-fifth day of May as "Ohio National Missing Children's Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, November 1, 2017, p. 1146.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, June 15, 2017, p. 466.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends passage, see Senate Journal, May 30, 2017, p. 432.)

S. B. No. 143 – Senator Eklund

Cosponsors: Senators Hackett, Yuko, Brown, Oelslager, Schiavoni, Hite, Beagle, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Hoagland, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson Representatives Huffman, Antonio, Barnes, Butler, Ginter, Johnson, Kent, Lepore-Hagan, Romanchuk, Sykes, West

To enact section 5.257 of the Revised Code to designate September 25 as "International Ataxia Awareness Day" in Ohio.

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, December 7, 2017, p. 1368.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, October 18, 2017, p. 1247.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, October 18, 2017, p. 1244.)

S. B. No. 164 – Senator LaRose

Cosponsors: Senators Jordan, Uecker, Lehner, Huffman, Hottinger, Burke, Eklund, Obhof, Terhar Representatives Huffman, Antani, Butler, Ginter, Johnson, Merrin, Romanchuk

To amend section 3701.79 and to enact sections 2919.10 and 2919.101 of the Revised Code to prohibit a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion because an unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome.

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, December 7, 2017, p. 1369.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, November 15, 2017, p. 1442.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, November 15, 2017, p. 1311.)

Pending Matters

Am. Sub. H. B. No. 49 – Representative Smith, R. – et al.

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

(Line item vetoes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, see House Journal, July 6, 2017, p. 972.)

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Sole female Dem in gubernatorial race to quit (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2018)

Connie Pillich expected to drop out of the governor's race (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

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Ohio's charter school quality crackdown claims a big-city victim - the Cincinnati school district (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Skill games to be regulated by Ohio Casino Control Commission (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Chief justice to ECOT attorney: 'How is that not absurd?' (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

Kasich chosen to address graduates of Kennedy School in May (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

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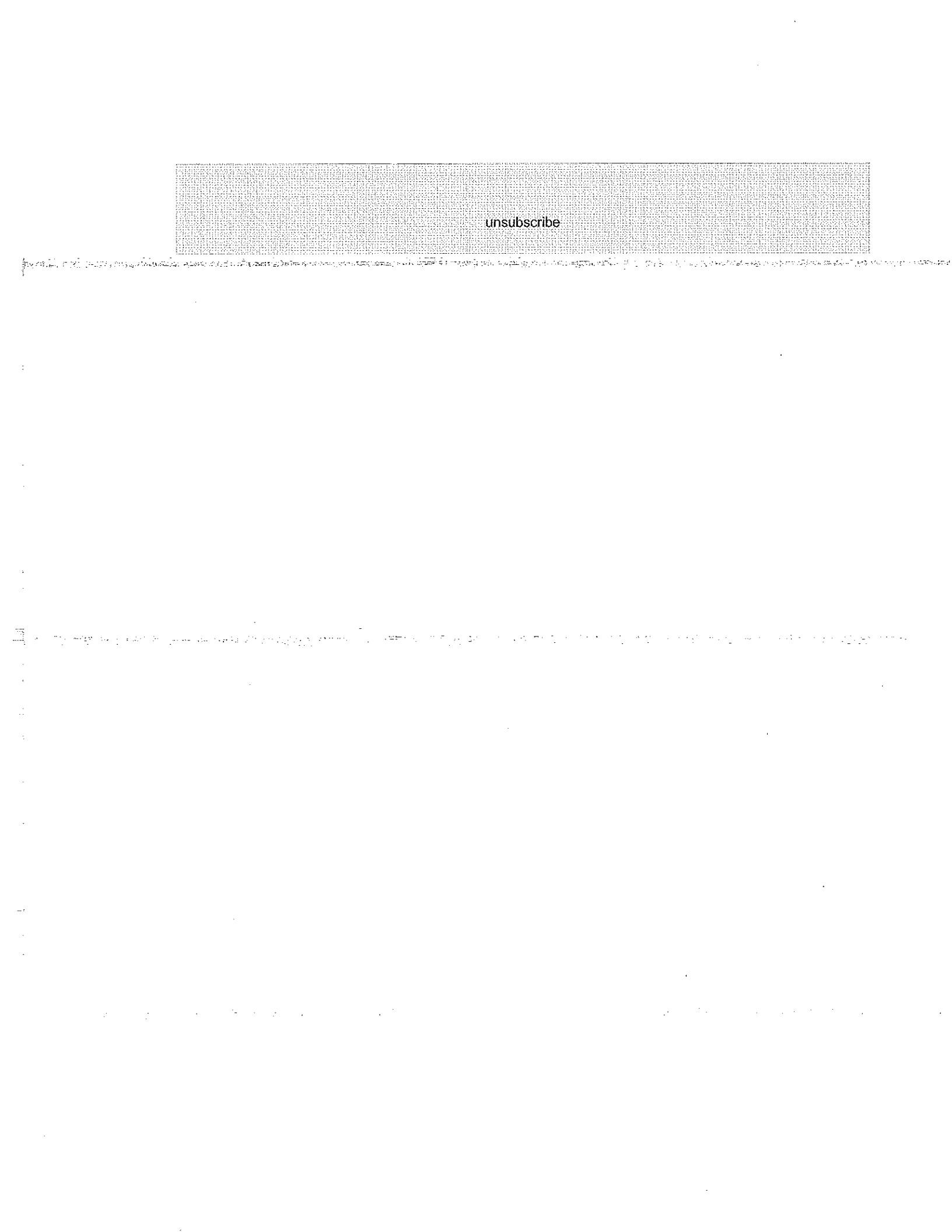
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HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/14/2018



HOSPITAL PACT MIGHT SAVE TOLEDO ABORTION CLINIC

A hospital system has authorized a patient-transfer agreement to keep the last abortion clinic in Toledo operating.



PILICH TO LEAVE RACE FOR GOVERNOR, BACK CORDRAY

Only one of the original Democrats running for governor will still be in the race after Wednesday.

OHIO WANTS TO REQUIRE THOSE ON MEDICAID TO GET A JOB

Thousands of Ohioans soon might need to find a job or lose their Medicaid health insurance.

KASICH CHOSEN TO ADDRESS GRADUATES OF KENNEDY SCHOOL IN MAY

Gov. Kasich will address the 2018 graduates of the Harvard Kennedy School in May, the dean of the school said Tuesday.

CHIEF JUSTICE ON ECOT CLAIM FOR STATE MONEY: 'HOW IS THAT NOT ABSURD?'

As ECOT attorney Marion Little finished his arguments for why, under the law, the online school should get full funding for students even if they only log in once a month and do no work, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor interjected.

KASICH POSTPONES FOREIGN TRIP TO ATTEND OFFICERS' FUNERAL IN WESTERVILLE

Long-time Westerville resident Gov. John Kasich is postponing a foreign trade trip to attend the Friday funeral of two police officers slain in his hometown on Saturday.

A FIFTH OF OHIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NEED HELP TO EARN A DIPLOMA THIS YEAR

Less than five months from graduation, one out of five Ohio high school seniors still wouldn't qualify for a diploma under more-stringent state standards — requirements that at least temporarily have been softened to avert just such a crisis.

NEW REPORT FROM PRO-LABOR GROUP PANS RIGHT-TO-WORK PROPOSALS

In the wake of proposed right-to-work amendments by Republican lawmakers, a newly released report is recommending politicians can support Ohio workers by backing off of regulating unions.

Dayton Daily News

www.daytondailynews.com

OHIO CONSIDERS RAISING CHILD MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DDN INVESTIGATION

An investigation by the Dayton Daily News into child marriage is prompting state lawmakers to introduce a bill that would bump up the legal marriage age to 18 for both males and females and allow 17-year-olds to marry with court approval.

VICIOUS DOGS: OHIO MOVES TO CHANGE LAWS ON DOG OWNERS

Four years after the gruesome attack that killed Dayton resident Klonda Richey, state lawmakers are taking a double barrel approach to finally putting more teeth in the state's vicious dog laws.

CINCINNATI DEMOCRAT CONNIE PILICH EXPECTED TO LEAVE GOVERNOR'S RACE

Former state representative Connie Pilich — the last woman leading a Democratic ticket for governor — is expected to drop out of the race and endorse former attorney general Rich Cordray on Wednesday, sources close to the campaign said.

THE PLAIN DEALER

OHIO'S CHARTER SCHOOL QUALITY CRACKDOWN CLAIMS A BIG-CITY VICTIM - THE CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ohio's push to improve charter school quality has booted a major city school district - the Cincinnati Public Schools - out of the charter school business.

CONNIE PILICH EXPECTED TO DROP OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S RACE

Connie Pilich, the lone remaining Democratic woman running for governor in what was supposed to be the "year of the woman," will drop out of the race Wednesday to endorse Richard Cordray, according to two Democratic sources.

ECOT FUNDING QUESTIONED BY OHIO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES: "HOW IS IT NOT ABSURD?"

Ohio Supreme Court justices were wary this morning of how the ECOT online charter school wants to be funded as the school and Ohio Department of Education pleaded their cases to the court.

UNCONSCIONABLE FAILURE BY OHIO JUSTICES O'DONNELL, DEWINE TO RECUSE IN ECOT CASE AFTER TAKING THOUSANDS IN CAMPAIGN DOLLARS:

EDITORIAL

The seven-member Ohio Supreme Court is hearing arguments this morning in a case whose outcome may kill or revive the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, or ECOT, the online charter school that shut down last month.

THE ENQUIRER

CONNIE PILICH TO END GUBERNATORIAL BID; ENDORSE CORDRAY. WAS THE LONE FEMALE DEMOCRAT IN THE RACE

In the so-called "year of the woman," the sole female in the Democratic race for governor will bow out to endorse former Consumer Financial Protection Bureau director Richard Cordray.

DEMOCRAT KATHY WYENANDT FILES TO RUN IN OHIO 52ND DISTRICT

Democrat Kathy Wyenandt is challenging Republican George Lang for his Ohio House seat.

THE BLADE

ECOT ASKS HIGH COURT TO RESTORE ITS FUNDING

Clinging to hope of reopening its virtual doors, what was once Ohio's largest online school on Tuesday urged the Ohio Supreme Court to halt state efforts to claw back tens of millions in past aid.

PILICH TO DROP OHIO GOVERNOR BID

Another Democratic candidate for governor will drop out of the race Wednesday and throw her support to Richard Cordray for the party's nomination.

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- **James Lynch of the Information Insurance Institute (I.I.I.)** says our conference features the hottest topics in workers' comp (opioids, marijuana, impact of technology). [Click here to read more.](#)
- **Joe Paduda of Managed Care Matters** said our conference is a "must do" and strongly encourages you to register now if you haven't already. [Click here to read more.](#)
- **Work Comp Roundup's Michael Stack** is excited to listen to what Dr. Erica Groshen, former head of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and others have to say. [Click here to watch.](#)

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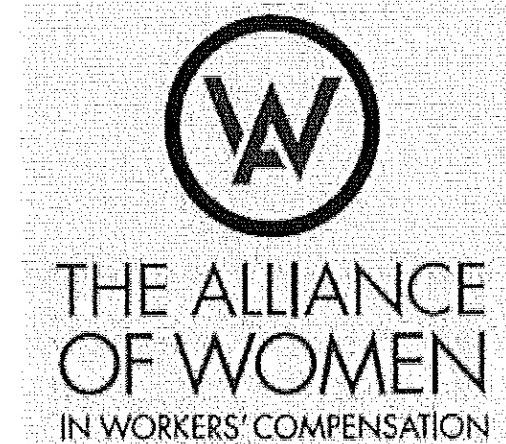
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Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:49 PM
To: 'Pamela Raines'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Pamela,

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Sincerely,

Sarah LaTourette
State Representative
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From: Pamela Raines [mailto:Pam.Raines@kw.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:55 AM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

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From: Rep76
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:50 PM
To: 'Robert Gephart'
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Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
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From: Rep76
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:55 PM
To: 'Mark Brady'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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From: Mark Brady [mailto:markbrady@realtor.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

Mark Brady
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From: Rep76
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 3:17 PM
To: 'Richard Piraino'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Richard,

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From: Richard Piraino [mailto:richardpiraino@howardhanna.com]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 11:04 AM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

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From: Rep76
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 8:00 AM
To: 'redryder750mc@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Please Support House Bill 211

Dear Michael,

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From: Michael Ahern [mailto:user@votervoice.net]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 7:38 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: Please Support House Bill 211

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Sincerely,

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redryder750mc@aol.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 8:01 AM
To: 'kathyjaczo@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Please Support House Bill 211

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Sincerely,

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From: Rep76
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 8:03 AM
To: 'Mark Dolezal'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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From: Mark Dolezal [mailto:mmm.dolezal@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 4:59 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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From: Paretti, Dominic
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:15 AM
To: House_All
Subject: FW: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave

****REMINDER-DEADLINE TO CO SPONSOR IS MARCH 9, 2018 at 4PM**

Dominic Paretti
Legislative Aide to Representative Boyd
Ohio House District 09
614-644-5079

From: Paretti, Dominic
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 5:01 PM
To: House_All
Subject: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave



MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Janine Boyd and Representative Kristin Boggs
DATE: February 5, 2018
RE: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave

We will soon introduce legislation to create the Ohio Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Today we chose to send this co-sponsor request as this date marks the 25th anniversary of FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act). This legislation will provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide paid leave to new mothers. So far five states—California, New Jersey, New York, Hawaii and Rhode Island offer some sort of paid leave to men and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to put family first.

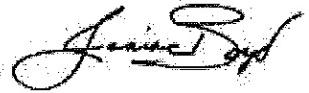
The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for: a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a claim with ODJFS; must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums have been withheld and remitted for at least one year; and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees.

An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater leave than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Dominic Paretti, at 614-644-5079 or via email at Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov and Serena Finlay, 614-466-1896 or via email at Serena.Finlay@OhioHouse.Gov. **The deadline to co-sponsor is Friday, March 9 at 4:00pm.**



Janine Boyd

State Representative, Ohio House District 09



Kristin Boggs

State Representative, Ohio House District 18

From: Lane, Hope
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 12:55 PM
To: House_All
Subject: Co-Sponsor Request - Access to Pay Statements



Brigid Kelly
State Representative
31st House District

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE BRIGID KELLY

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2018

RE: CO-SPONSOR REQUEST - ACCESS TO PAY STATEMENTS

I will soon be introducing legislation to guarantee employee access to pay stubs.

A constituent initially brought this issue to the attention of my office after her employer went through a change in ownership and she and her coworkers stopped receiving their regular pay statements and were additionally denied access to viewing them. Upon receiving their W-2's at the beginning of the year, they noticed that their total earnings of the previous year were significantly lower than they have been in past and that their hourly wage had been altered in the change. While the employees were able to recover lost wages through the legal process, their employer was still not required to provide them with pay statements.

Ohio is currently one of nine states that do not require employers to provide a statement detailing an employee's pay information. This legislation would simply make Ohio an access state – meaning employers can comply with the pay statement requirement by providing either a written, printed, or electronic pay stub (or access to the electronic pay stub).

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) does not require an employer to provide employees with pay stubs, however it does require that employers keep accurate records of hours worked and wages paid to employees. While we are aware that the case in my district is a rare one, we would like to assure all hard working Ohioans are able to see their wages and deductions as needed without taking their cases to court – especially since their employer is already required to keep track of this information.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, view the language or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or my aide, Hope Lane at 614-466-5786 or Hope.Lane@OhioHouse.Gov. The deadline to co-sponsor is Friday, March 2nd at 5:00pm.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Rep76
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:37 PM
To: 'devaienterprises@aol.com'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Wayne,

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Sincerely,

Sarah LaTourette
State Representative
Ohio House District 76

-----Original Message-----

From: Wayne Agoston [mailto:user@votervoice.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 8:28 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

Wayne Agoston
18964 Rivers Edge Dr W
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023
devaienterprises@aol.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:36 PM
To: 'SUSAN EVANS'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Susan,

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-----Original Message-----

From: SUSAN EVANS [mailto:sue.evans.realtor@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 11:19 AM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

SUSAN EVANS
PO Box 947
Middlefield, OH 44062
sue.evans.realtor@gmail.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:39 PM
To: Julianne Kaldis'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Julianne,

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From: Julianne Kaldis [mailto:jkaldis@bhhsp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 9:28 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

Julianne Kaldis
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Chagrin Falls, OH 44023
jkaldis@bhhsp.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:40 PM
To: 'Karen Hillman'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Karen,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Hillman [mailto:karenhillman@mcdhomes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 8:01 AM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

Karen Hillman
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Chagrin Falls, OH 44022
karenhillman@mcdhomes.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:39 PM
To: 'michaelnjones1@aol.com'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Michael,

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From: Michael Jones [mailto:user@votervoice.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 5:36 AM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

Michael Jones
7850 Bainbrook Dr
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023
michaelnjones1@aol.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:40 PM
To: 'Victoria Pate'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Victoria,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Victoria Pate [mailto:Victoria.Pate@LGAAR.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:03 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

Victoria Pate
11502 Chapin St
Chesterland, OH 44026
Victoria.Pate@LGAAR.org

From: Rep76
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 7:22 AM
To: 'Richard Piraino'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Richard,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Piraino [mailto:richardpiraino@howardhanna.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 1:30 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

Richard Piraino
10002 Thwing Rd
Chardon, OH 44024
richardpiraino@howardhanna.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 7:23 AM
To: 'Jean Baird'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jean Baird [mailto:jeanbaird@howardhanna.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Jean Baird
10962 Olmar Dr
Chardon, OH 44024
jeanbaird@howardhanna.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 7:24 AM
To: 'Dave Fabig'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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From: Dave Fabig [mailto:davefabig@howardhanna.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 2:04 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Dave Fabig
10767 Pekin Rd
Newbury, OH 44065
davefabig@howardhanna.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 7:35 AM
To: 'Charleen Snyder'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Charleen,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Charleen Snyder [mailto:charleensnyder@howardhanna.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 2:31 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Charleen Snyder
14095 Auburn Rd
Newbury, OH 44065
charleensnyder@howardhanna.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 7:36 AM
To: Nancy Di Franco'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Di Franco [mailto:ncdifranco@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Nancy Di Franco
9969 Mulberry Rd
Chardon, OH 44024
nedifranco@roadrunner.com

From: NCSL TODAY
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 10:45 AM
To: Rep76
Subject: Overdose deaths fall in 14 states

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Stateline

Drug overdose deaths declined in 14 states during the 12 months ending July 2017, according to new provisional death certificate data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

GOP asks Supreme Court to block Pennsylvania redistricting

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Republicans have intensified their fight over Pennsylvania's new congressional map, appealing to the nation's highest court on Wednesday and reviving talk of impeaching the state Democratic Supreme Court justices who threw out the old map.

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Supreme Court leaves in place California's 10-day waiting period for gun buyers

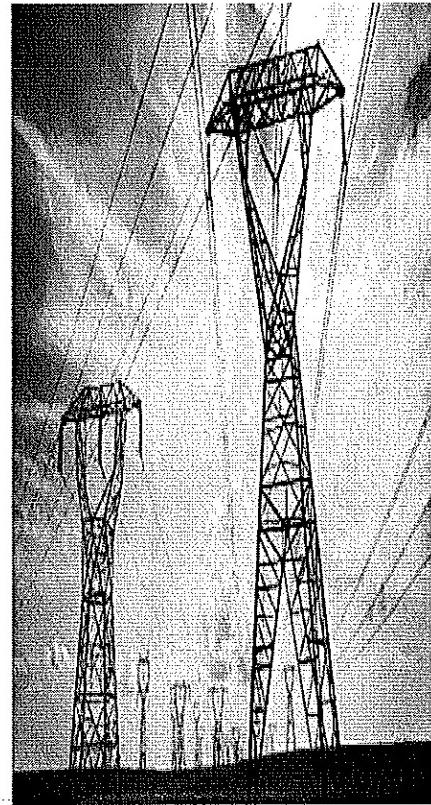
The Los Angeles Times

The Supreme Court made clear again Tuesday that the government has broad power to restrict and regulate firearms, dismissing a 2nd Amendment challenge to California's 10-day waiting period for new gun purchases.

Georgia leaders agree to lower state's top income tax rate

Atlanta Journal Constitution

The plan would cut the top state income tax rate — the



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According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's January Short-Term Energy Outlook, natural gas will continue to outpace coal for electricity generation.

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rate most Georgians pay on a majority of their income — from 6 percent to 5.75 percent starting next year.

Sunday alcohol sales could begin March 4 in Indiana

The Indianapolis Star

Hoosiers could begin purchasing carryout alcohol on Sunday for the first time in state history on March 4, barring any unexpected developments at the Statehouse.

Post-Parkland, some unlikely states embrace gun control

Governing

The mass shooting at a Florida high school may be turning the tide of gun politics as some Republicans, including President Trump, embrace the idea of gun control.

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Debating the tipped wage

Two workers, two very different attitudes about raising the tipped wage. That's the wage, currently at \$2.13 per hour, that federal labor law allows employers to pay tipped workers as long as their total earnings, with tips, add up to at least the \$7.25 hourly minimum wage. If they don't, employers must make up the difference.



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Monday: US Supreme Court hears arguments on worker freedom

Janus v. AFSCME decision, whether favorable or not, will have wide-ranging implications for public-sector union employees and education at large

(Washington, D.C.) - On Monday the U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments in *Janus v. AFSCME*. The significance of this case cannot be overstated; the decision could potentially restore the freedom of public employees to choose how they want their hard-earned paychecks spent, and might put decisions about voluntary union membership back into the hands of the employees themselves.

According to the Manhattan Institute, the decision can affect 5 million public workers across 22 states including California, Illinois, and New York.

The case results will also have implications for the quality of education we deliver to our children. The teachers unions fight hard to protect mediocrity, even in failing schools, and support policies that keep ineffective teachers in the classroom, a taken-for-granted practice which in turn discourages more quality entrants to the profession.

Union demands for teachers to all behave and comply with fixed rules about how schools are run stifle innovation.

The largest teachers unions in the U.S., the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers, are also among the largest political donors of all time, together spending the second most in political donations nationally. Many of the policies and politicians they support, and programs they seek to have implemented prevent children from escaping failing schools and deny parents their due power to determine which education best meets the needs of their children.

Leaders on both sides of the argument will be at the Supreme Court Monday. CER and its leadership will be on site to arrange interviews, and CER Founder & CEO Jeanne Allen will be available for comment. For more, contact Christina Mazzanti at (202) 750-0016 or christina@edreform.com, and for information on location

Monday contact Patrick Korten at (202) 288-4307 or
patrick.korten@kortenmedia.com.

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Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 8:41 AM
To: 'Robert Gallmann'
Subject: RE: PLEASE READ - REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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State Representative
Ohio House District 76

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Gallmann [mailto:robert@clevelandhomes.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:09 AM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: PLEASE READ - REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sincerely,

Robert Gallmann
750 Madison Ave
Aurora, OH 44202
robert@clevelandhomes.com

From: Rep76
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 10:04 AM
To: 'Donna Toth'
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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Sarah LaTourette
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From: Donna Toth [mailto:donnatoth@kw.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 10:46 AM
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

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From: Rep76
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 10:05 AM
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Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - HB 211

Dear Chris,

Thank you for reaching out to me about House Bill 211. The bill is under current consideration in the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee, of which I am not a member. When the bill comes to the House Floor for a vote, I will be sure to keep your comments in support of the bill in mind.

If you would like to check on the bill's status or read associated documents, you may visit the following link:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-status?id=GA132-HB-211>

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HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/26/2018



FUTURE UNCERTAIN AS OHIO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD SITS IDLE

The future of Ohio's once-powerful higher education advisory board remains uncertain as lawmakers move to change the way the state oversees education.

OHIO MOVES TO ADD WRIGHT FLYER TO STATE SEAL AMID DISPUTE

Ohio is staking another public claim to the Wright brothers' legacy amid a dispute with Connecticut over an aviator that state says flew first.

GOP GOVERNOR TAPS ADVISERS FOR GUN POLICY TALKS

Ohio Gov. John Kasich says he has convened a diverse group of advisers on gun policy to help him come up with a consensus policy proposal that he can bring forward in the coming days.



MEDICAL MARIJUANA MAY ARRIVE LATE IN OHIO

From litigation to audits to legislation, the attempted fixes are piling up for an Ohio medical marijuana program that has been beset by problems.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR OHIO GOVERNOR HOPE TO WIN BACK TRUMP VOTERS

Getting Ohio Democrats who voted for President Donald Trump back into the fold was a theme Sunday as Democratic candidates for governor appeared before the public in Marysville.

KASICH FAVORS ARMING TEACHERS, AGAINST 'STAND YOUR GROUND'

Ohio Gov. John Kasich said he is hoping that a group he's quietly convened to find solutions to gun violence in the state will be able to deliver something by the end of next week to the General Assembly.

FRUSTRATED ACTIVIST BASHES KASICH, EYES RECREATIONAL WEED

An architect of Ohio's medical marijuana law Friday accused Gov. John Kasich of intentionally torpedoing the state's program, which is supposed to start in September.

UNION MONEY NOW FUELS GOP LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS IN OHIO

Ohio has increasingly become an island among states that have passed a right-to-work law — an initiative strongly opposed by labor unions.

NEARLY NEW LINEUP AT DEMOCRATS' NEXT OHIO GOVERNOR DEBATE IN TOLEDO

When four Democratic candidates for Ohio governor gathered for a debate in Columbus in October, they spent their time discussing Ohio's opioid crisis, the scandal surrounding online charter school ECOT, and the financial cost to local communities of state tax breaks for businesses.

KASICH ASSAILED BY DEMOCRATS FOR LACKING AGENDA

Launching a spirited attack against the Democratic Party, Ohio Gov. John Kasich charged he has "no clue" what Democrats stand for and complained they have "no agenda."

CAPITOL INSIDER: KASICH CHANGES HIS TUNE ON 'ASSAULT WEAPONS' VOTE

Ohio Gov. John Kasich's evolution on gun issues apparently continues.

EDITORIAL: DOING NOTHING IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE

Gun-rights advocates in the Ohio House of Representatives had every reason to expect House Bill 228 to pass easily, further dismantling the state's already-flimsy regulation of deadly weapons.

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ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ER POLICY CRITICIZED BY OHIO LAWMAKERS

Several Democratic state lawmakers want to penalize Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for a new policy that does not cover some emergency room visits deemed by the insurer not to be emergencies.

THE PLAIN DEALER

KASICH, OTHER GOVERNORS RESTATE NATIONAL NEED TO DEAL WITH HEALTH CARE COSTS AND QUALITY

Ohio Gov. John Kasich and his counterparts from Colorado and Alaska came to the nation's capital Friday to remind policy makers, businesses and the public: There's still much work to do on health care.

'YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU GET PUNCHED, AT LEAST IT ONLY HURTS FOR A MINUTE' OHIO MATTERS: EPISODE 6 - JOE SCHIAVONI

State Sen. Joe Schiavoni acknowledges the Democratic gubernatorial primary has been a tough fight so far.

REPUBLICAN OHIO GOVERNOR CANDIDATES SUPPORT ARMING TEACHERS TO HELP PREVENT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

Both Republican candidates for Ohio governor say they support arming teachers as part of an approach to prevent further school shootings.

STATE EMPLOYEES WITH CLAIMS PROCESSED BY ANTHEM NOT AFFECTED BY NEW ER RULE

State employees are not affected by a new Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield rule that leaves some policyholders with emergency-room bills when the company determines they didn't need emergency care.

OHIO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BALLOT MEASURE MIGHT NOT HAPPEN IN 2018, BACKER SAYS

Ohioans hoping to vote to legalize recreational marijuana this year will likely have to wait a little longer, perhaps as long as two years.

FACT CHECK: OHIO DEMOCRATS TAKE FRANK LAROSE'S REMARKS OUT OF CONTEXT

The Ohio Democratic Party on Friday circulated a 13-second audio recording of Republican Frank LaRose, a candidate for secretary of state, claiming that he was bragging about a Republican plan to gerrymander states across the country, including Ohio in 2011.

MARY TAYLOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF HAS NEW JOB WITH OHIO'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM

A longtime Kasich administration staffer has a new job advising Ohio's nascent medical marijuana program, but few details were available Friday about what he will do in the new role.

ROLL OF SHAME OF OHIO LAWMAKERS WHO OVERRODE GOP Gov. TAFT'S 2006 VETO, ENDING CITIES' BANS ON MASSACRE-CAPABLE WEAPONS: THOMAS SUDDES

Some Ohioans sincerely believe the Second Amendment trumps any attempt to regulate massacre-capable guns.

FIRST ENERGY CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO POCKET CORPORATE-TAX-CUT WINDFALL AND SHORT CUSTOMERS: EDITORIAL

The last time U.S. corporate tax rates were slashed, during the Reagan administration, some state utility regulators were slow off the mark in making sure investor-owned utilities didn't just pocket the profits without adjusting consumer bills, The New York Times reports.

THE ENQUIRER

THE NRA HAS A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THESE OHIO REPUBLICANS – AND DEMOCRATS.

The National Rifle Association has long supported Republicans around the country, and vice versa.

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LITIGATION PROCEEDS OVER MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSING

A lawsuit that could endanger the timeline for Ohio's rollout of its fledgling medical marijuana program will forge ahead despite proposed legislation to give the state a chance to correct licensing flaws.

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Ohio Chamber **Legislative Update**

February 26, 2018

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Centralized Municipal Tax Collections

Recent Court Ruling Ensures Centralized Municipal Tax Collection Can Continue - February 21 was a good day, in fact it was a great day. It comes with a huge victory for the taxpayers of Ohio. Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge David E. Cain made a judgement in favor of the state of Ohio in a case brought by about 160 municipalities. [Continue reading.](#)

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We're All for Providing Information

Be sure to read our latest blog posts on allforohio.com for additional information that is of interest to Ohio Chamber members. Here are our blog posts from the past week:



ADA Public Accomodation Law Reform on Its Way? - On February 15, 2018, The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill, the ADA Education and Reform Act (HB 620), that would impose new requirements on plaintiffs before they file a lawsuit. Places of public accommodations, including websites and apps, would have six months to bring their place of public accommodation into compliance before a claimant could file a lawsuit seeking injunctive relief and attorneys' fees. [Continue reading.](#)



U.S. Supreme Court Agrees to Hear Case Regarding Sales Tax Collection - In what is a very welcome development, the U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear oral arguments on *South Dakota v. Wayfair*. This case for whether states should be able to collect taxes on cross border internet sales could potentially overturn the 1992 case *Quill v. North Dakota*. [Continue reading.](#)



Another Reason to Fix Ohio's Unemployment Compensation System - In the never-ending stream of reasons why Ohio's broke and broken unemployment insurance (UI) system needs fixed, one more has been added to the list—employers in states with low state UI trust fund balances could face



Ohio Chamber Gives Back - Last week, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce kicked off the series of events marking our 125th anniversary with a day spent giving back to the community. Ohio Chamber Gives Back was a volunteer effort, partnered with our member company, Goodwill in Columbus. [Read more about the event.](#)

higher federal unemployment taxes (FUTA). In President Trump's FY 2019 Budget, there is a proposal that would increase FUTA taxes over a ten-year period by about \$22 billion. Continue reading.

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\$2.62 Billion Capital Budget Prioritizes Projects To Address Opiate Addiction, Related Issues

Cardinal Health Among Drug Distributors Targeted In Latest DeWine Opioid Suit

Nearly \$29M In State IT Funding Clears Controlling Board

Adult Charge Stemming From Juvenile Conviction Challenged At High Court

Ohio Groups Debate Trump's Short-Term Health Plan Proposal

Travel Trailer Maker Tops List Of Tax Credits Issued By State Panel

Kasich Declares Emergency As Flood Risks Continue

Cyberattack Temporarily Shuts Down State Websites, Phones

Environmental Group Calls For Setback, Chemical Reporting Changes Following Well Fire

Schiavoni, Williams Plan Firearm Removal Bill; Yost Unveils School Safety Plan; High Court Hears Janus Case; Kucinich Continues Gun Push...

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, February 27

Legislative Committees

Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.

- HB 159** **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Riedel, C.) To designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 195** **WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTS** (Ingram, C., Seitz, B.) To modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in nonemergency circumstances. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HCR 19** **HATE GROUPS** (Leland, D., Greenspan, D.) To denounce and oppose the totalitarian impulses, violent terrorism, xenophobic biases, and bigoted ideologies that are promoted by white nationalists and neo-Nazis, to urge law enforcement to recognize white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups as terrorist organizations, and to pursue the criminal elements of these domestic terrorist organizations in the same manner and with the same fervor used to protect the United States from other manifestations of terrorism. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 336** **LICENSE FEES** (Barnes, J., Greenspan, D.) To prohibit the imposition of driver's license and temporary instruction permit reinstatement fees in specified circumstances and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 250** **ELECTRIC BICYCLES** (Brinkman, T.) To establish requirements for the use of electric bicycles. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082), South Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.
- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of Scott Arthur, State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services
- HB 307** **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Gonzales, A.) To designate September as "We Card Month." (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 229** **DAY DESIGNATION** (Romanchuk, M., Wiggam, S.) To designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day." (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 202** **AWARENESS DAY** (Thompson, A.) To designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day." (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- SB 106** **SMOKING** (Tavares, C.) To prohibit smoking in a motor vehicle in which a child under six years of age is a passenger. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 194** **LICENSE PLATES** (Johnson, T., Craig, H.) To establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3506), Rm. 119, 10 a.m.

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Schaffer, T., 466-8100), Rm. 121, 10 a.m.

SB 226 TAX HOLIDAY (Bacon, K.) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 22 TAX LAWS (Peterson, B.) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

HB 507 TAX CREDIT (Gonzales, A.) To allow a refundable income tax credit for parents of stillborn children. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 488 TAX LEVIES (Hood, R., Becker, J.) To modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

Senate Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Bacon, K., 466-8064), North Hearing Rm., 10:15 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Mark Waslyshyn, Michael Staley, Brian Simms and Jay Beighley, Ohio Private Investigation and Security Services Commission

SB 66 CRIMINAL LAWS (Eklund, J., Tavares, C.) To modify criminal sentencing and corrections law by including rehabilitation as a purpose of felony sentencing, removing the one-year minimum for presumptive fourth or fifth degree felony community control sanctions, modifying sanctions for a violation of a community control condition, modifying the manner of calculating confinement credits, modifying eligibility criteria and procedures for granting intervention in lieu of conviction, making offenders convicted of certain multiple fourth or fifth degree felonies eligible for conviction record sealing, revising procedures for the Adult Parole Authority to grant a final release or terminate post-release control, and modifying the criteria for considering a prison term sanction for a post-release control violation. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SB 231 OFFENDER DATABASE (Gardner, R.) To provide for a violent offender database, require violent offenders to enroll in the database, and name those provisions of the act "Sierah's Law;" to modify the membership and duties of the Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition and eliminate its repeal; to require halfway houses to use the single validated risk assessment tool for adult offenders that the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction has developed; and to provide that the notice of release from prison of specified serious offense offenders that is given to sheriffs is to be the same as that provided to prosecuting attorneys and eliminate the notice to sheriffs regarding pardons, commutations, paroles, and transitional control transfers of offenders. (2nd Hearing-Possible amendments)

- SB 171** **PROTECTION ORDERS** (Hottinger, J.) To increase the penalty that applies to the offense of violating a protection order under certain circumstances and to require electronic monitoring of those convicted of violating certain protection orders to be carried out by probation agencies. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)
- SB 195** **DOGS LAW** (Beagle, B.) To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)
- SB 244** **PROSTITUTION** (Dolan, M., Manning, G.) To amend the penalties for promoting prostitution. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- House Finance** (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 11 a.m.
- HB 529** **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS** (Ryan, S.) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30,2020. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)
- HB 508** **OHIO CORPS** (Ryan, S., Reineke, B.) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 378** **BROADBAND GRANTS** (Smith, R., Cera, J.) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor** (Committee Record) (Chr. Young, R., 644-6074), Rm. 113, 1:30 p.m.
- HB 504** **INTERIOR DESIGNERS** (Pelanda, D.) Regarding interior designers. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 263** **OUTDOOR DINING AREAS** (Lanese, L.) To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harborer of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 211** **HOME INSPECTORS** (Hughes, J.) To require the licensure of home inspectors and to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 433** **VETERINARY EDUCATION** (Kelly, B., Brinkman, T.) To allow a licensed veterinarian to receive up to two continuing education credits per biennium for performing free spaying and neutering services. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- House Criminal Justice** (Committee Record) (Chr. Manning, N., 644-5076), Rm. 114, 1:30 p.m.
- HB 457** **DRUG TREATMENT** (Antani, N.) To require that an offender serving a community control sanction or a parolee who fails a drug test for heroin,

fentanyl, or carfentanil be held in jail or admitted to a residential treatment program for up to 30 days. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 391 **ECONOMIC LOSSES** (Merrin, D.) To include the cost of accounting done to determine the extent of economic loss as a type of economic loss for which restitution may be granted. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & substitute)

House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (**Chr. Anielski, M.**, 644-6041), Rm. 017, 2 p.m.

HB 454 **CEMETERY LOTS** (Patterson, J., Arndt, S.) To require a township to compensate the owner of certain unused cemetery lots and rights which the township reenters after lack of response from the owner. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HR 299 **DRUG USE** (Young, R., Ginter, T.) To recognize the efforts and successes of the faith-based community in supporting and assisting individuals who are suffering from opioid and other drug abuse and addiction. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 483 **WEEK DESIGNATION** (Patterson, J.) To designate the second week of October as "Ohio Covered Bridge Week." (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 484 **HEALTH DISTRICTS** (Brenner, A.) To authorize city and general health districts to use credit cards in accordance with prescribed requirements. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 492 **STATE PROCUREMENT** (Gonzales, A.) To establish the women-owned business enterprise program requiring state agencies to establish women-owned business procurement goals. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 493 **MINORITY ENTERPRISES** (Gonzales, A.) To authorize the Director of Administrative Services to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states with respect to the certification of minority business enterprises and EDGE business enterprises. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 500 **TOWNSHIP LAWS** (Carfagna, R.) To make various changes to township law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (**Chr. Blessing, L.**, 466-9091), Rm. 313, 2 p.m.

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HB 382 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (Schuring, K.) To modify terms describing payments made under the Unemployment Compensation Law, to increase the amount of wages subject to unemployment compensation premiums, to require qualifying employees to make payments to the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fund, to allow the Director of Job and Family Services to adjust maximum weekly benefit amounts, to reduce the maximum number of benefit weeks, and to make other changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law. (15th Hearing-All testimony)

- HJR 4** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (Schuring, K.) Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the General Assembly to provide by law for the issuance of bonds to pay unemployment compensation benefits when the fund created for that purpose is or will be depleted or to repay outstanding advances made by the federal government to the unemployment compensation program. (15th Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 512** **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT** (Reineke, B.) To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 451** **PUBLIC RECORDS** (Rutherford, W.) To exclude from the definition of public record under the Public Records Law any depiction by photograph, film, videotape, or digital, visual, or printed material of victims of crime under specified circumstances dealing with the victims' bodily privacy. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- SB 223** **USED TIRES** (LaRose, F.) To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 10** **PRIMARY ELECTIONS** (LaRose, F.) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- HB 506** **DOG BREEDERS** (Hill, B.) To revise the law governing high volume dog breeders. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)
- HB 469** **TAX CREDIT** (Schuring, K., Patton, T.) To authorize a nonrefundable insurance company tax credit for contributions of capital to transformational mixed use development projects. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 489** **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS** (Dever, J.) To provide some regulatory and tax relief to state banks and credit unions, to provide for data analytics to be conducted on publicly available information regarding banks, credit unions, and consumer finance companies, to modify when a creditor can file a claim against an estate, to require registration of mortgage loan servicers, and to require a specified notice be given to a debtor for certain debt collection. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
- SB 139** **LEGAL MATERIALS** (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.) To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 450** **HEALTH BENEFITS** (Antani, N.) To impose review and other requirements on existing health insurance mandated benefits and to establish requirements for the creation of new mandated benefits. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 342** **TAX LEVIES** (Merrin, D.) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. (4th Hearing-All testimony)
- Senate Finance** (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., **466-0626**), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.
- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Pamela Mowry, North Central State College Board of Trustees and Jo Ann Davidson and Ranjan Manoranjan, Ohio Casino Control Commission
- SB 266** **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS** (Oelslager, S.) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30,2020. (Presentation from OBM Director Tim Keen)
- HB 168** **CEMETERY REGISTRATION** (Stein, D.) To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 251** **SUBDIVISION INVESTMENTS** (Greenspan, D.) To increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys, a county's inactive moneys, and money in the county public library fund. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid** (Committee Record) (Chr. Burke, D., **466-8049**), South Hearing Rm., 3:15 p.m.
- SB 218** **MEDICAID PROVIDERS** (Lehner, P.) Regarding surety bonds and minimum training for certain Medicaid providers. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
- HB 332** **ANATOMICAL GIFTS** (Antani, N.) Regarding anatomical gifts, transplantation, and discrimination on the basis of disability. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 340** **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE** (Young, R.) Regarding the release of information concerning public and medical assistance recipients. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 233** **COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTION** (Thomas, C.) To allow a cottage food production operator to use a firebrick oven located on a patio at the operator's residence for purposes of the cottage food production operation (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 111** **MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENTS** (Carfagna, R., Ryan, S.) To authorize certain advanced practice registered nurses to have a person involuntarily

transported to a hospital for a mental health examination. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

House Education & Career Readiness (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 644-6711), Rm. 121, 4 p.m.

- HB 502 YOUTH SUICIDE (Anielski, M.)** With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 503 YOUTH SUICIDE (Anielski, M.)** With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.)** To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)
- HB 428 STUDENT EXPRESSION (Ginter, T., LaTourette, S.)** Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018." (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 491 EDUCATION LICENSE (Edwards, J.)** To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 360 BULLYING (Greenspan, D.)** To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges. (4th Hearing-Possible substitute)

Senate Government Oversight & Reform (Committee Record) (Chr. Coley, B., 466-8072), Finance Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.

- SR 342 COLUMBUS CREW (Kunze, S.)** To urge the investor-operator and chairperson of Columbus Crew Soccer Club to keep the franchise in Columbus. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- SB 221 AGENCY RULEMAKING (Uecker, J.)** To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof. (3rd Hearing-Opponent-Possible-amendments)
- HB 226 FIREWORKS (Seitz, B., Sweeney, M.)** To establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning July 1, 2020, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- SB 239 REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS (Dolan, M.)** To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

Agency Calendar

**Board of Building Appeals, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road,
Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 8:30 a.m.**

Event Planner

**State Auditor Dave Yost and GOP lawmakers news conference on Medicaid compliance, Press Briefing Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 10 a.m.
Ohio Lobbying Association Annual Meeting & Legislative Reception, Sheraton Columbus at Capital Square, 75 E. State St., Columbus, 4 p.m., (4:00 pm - Annual Meeting for OLA Members; 5:00 pm - Legislative Reception. More info and to register: http://bit.ly/2018_OLA_AM)
Rep. Glenn Holmes (D-McDonald) fundraiser, Westies Gastropub, 940 S. Front Street, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$250 to Committee to Elect Glenn Holmes. RSVP with Jenna Gravalis at 551-427-9895 or jgravalis@ohiodems.org)**

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Senate Activity for Monday, February 26, 2018

INTRODUCED

SB 266

CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Oelslager, S.) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30,2020.

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SB 267

SOLICITING (Brown, E., Kunze, S.) To increase the penalty for soliciting when the person solicited is eighteen years of age or older, to specify that the fine for soliciting in this circumstance is not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, and to specify that up to one thousand dollars of that fine may be deposited into the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund. Am. 2907.24 and 5101.87

SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Joint Education Oversight Committeee: Senator Gayle Manning as chair .

DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR

SB 144

DISABILITIES COUNCIL (Burke, D.) To abolish the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission, Consumer Advisory Committee, and Governor's Council on People with Disabilities; to establish a state rehabilitation services council known as the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council; and to restore staggered terms of office for the employee members representing firefighters on the board of trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund.

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House Activity for Monday, February 26, 2018

INTRODUCED

HB 526 ■ **SCHOOL SAFETY** (DeVitis, T., Sweeney, M.) To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service. Am. 5747.08 and 5747.98 and to enact sections 3313.94 and 5747.64

HB 527 ■ **VISITATION RIGHTS** (LaTourette, S.) To allow certain specified persons to petition the probate court for reasonable visitation with an incompetent or ward if visitation between the person and the incompetent or ward has been interfered with or denied. Am. 2111.132

HB 528 ■ **CORPSE ABUSE** (Smith, R., Rezabek, J.) To expand the penalties for abuse of corpse offenses. Am. 2927.01 and 2929.13

HB 529 ■ **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS** (Ryan, S.) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30,2020. Am. 164.05
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HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

Insurance Committee: Remove Representative LaTourette; appoint Representative Lang.

DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR

HB 45 ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Sprague, R.) To designate May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."

HB 79 ■ **FIREARMS TRAINING** (Rutherford, W., Hagan, C.) To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement

agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee.

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\$2.62 Billion Capital Budget Prioritizes Projects To Address Opiate Addiction, Related Issues

The General Assembly is doubling its prior financial commitments for behavioral and mental health infrastructure in the capital appropriations budget that was introduced Monday.

The bill includes \$2.62 billion in new spending on bricks-and-mortar projects as well as a yet-to-be-disclosed amount of reappropriations for ongoing capital projects approved in prior biennia. The bill covers spending in Fiscal Years 2019-2020.

Companion House and Senate measures (HB 529 & SB 266) allocate \$222 million for health and human services, developmental disabilities, mental health, addiction treatment and women's health initiative facilities over the next two fiscal years.

The fast-tracked budget, which will receive first hearings in both chambers on Tuesday, also includes \$150 million in community projects - \$20 million more than the original funding target - \$600 million for school facilities, \$514 million for local infrastructure projects and \$483 million for public colleges and universities.

The state will issue bonds to fund the spending.

The expanded health and human services support funding was added in response to the growing impact of the opiate epidemic, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said.

"So where in the prior budgets you may have seen a few of these pop up, I think it's on the minds of a lot of people and we all recognize that these are some of the more important issues facing the state of Ohio and these are some of the things we chose to prioritize."

Some of the projects set to receive a chunk of the \$222 million are Alvis House and Maryhaven in Columbus, President Obhof said. The respective \$300,000 and \$125,000 projects would add about 260 additional treatment beds for addicts in Franklin County.

"We see these things throughout the state and not just in Franklin County, in Cuyahoga and Hamilton counties but in some of rural areas as well," Sen. Obhof said. "There are number of requests that are being funded from members throughout the state of Ohio for things like that."

Of the total allocation for such infrastructure plans, \$20 million will be provided through competitive grants, which were proposed by Gov. John Kasich. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 12, 2018)

So-called community resiliency projects that focus on expanding spaces for youth programming would receive the funding, said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton). The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and local groups will likely select the recipients.

"We recognize the need there and listened very carefully to the community," he said of the funding dedicated to combatting the opiate epidemic and related issues.

While that area of the budget saw a boost, overall capital appropriations shrunk by about \$10 million from the last budget, Sen. Obhof said. He's hopeful, however, that it will have a similar reach.

"We think that due to sound fiscal management and the hard work we put in in the main operating budget last year, we do have the capacity for the bonding and the funding of various projects throughout the state that you see in the bill," he told reporters after the legislation was introduced.

Leaders of both parties in each chamber worked together to iron out the details prior to the measure's introduction Monday, making it ripe for quick passage.

President Obhof said he expects a Senate vote on the House version - which will serve as the vehicle for the budget - in the week before spring break, which is set to begin in late March.

Local projects were brought forward by individual members for consideration while community colleges and universities created their own priority funding packages. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, November 22, 2017)

"This capital budget will give the legislature a tremendous opportunity to address several infrastructure and construction projects that will generate a positive return on investment for communities all across the state," Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) said in a statement. "I want to commend the members of the legislature and local leaders for their collaboration and commitment to helping improve the lives of so many Ohioans through this legislation."

The capital budget has historically drawn bipartisan support as lawmakers look to support money funneled to projects in their communities. That trend is expected to continue this year.

"As legislators, we review capital budget applications, meet with individuals and organizations and visit project sites. You can't help but become passionate about what we can do to invest in Ohio's infrastructure and improve the community," Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) said. "Although it's unfortunate that we can't fund every much-needed community project that comes to our attention, I am happy with the progress that will be made through the capital budget."

If the capital bill process follows those of prior years, no major changes will occur during deliberations unless there are problems with the bill. The last several capital budgets passed with few if any amendments once they were introduced.

Cardinal Health Among Drug Distributors Targeted In Latest DeWine Opioid Suit

Attorney General Mike DeWine on Monday announced that he has filed a lawsuit against four drug distributors for their role in the opioid epidemic.

The lawsuit, filed in Madison County Common Pleas Court, alleges that the drug distributors were negligent in over-supplying addictive opioid prescription drugs.

"We believe the evidence will show that these companies ignored their duties as drug distributors to ensure that opioids were not being diverted for improper use. They knew the amount of opioids allowed to flow into Ohio far exceeded what could be consumed for medically-necessary purposes, but they did nothing to stop it," AG Mike DeWine said in a statement.

"And much like the drug manufacturers who continue to fail to do the right thing, these distributors are doing precious little to take responsibility for their actions and help pay for the damage they have caused."

Named in the lawsuit are McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health and its subsidiaries, AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation and Miami-Lüken, Inc.

Cardinal Health in a statement said it has been cooperating to "alleviate the public health crisis and save lives" though a multi-state effort led by 40 attorneys general and a multi-jurisdictional effort in Cleveland.

"We are extremely disappointed that Attorney General DeWine chose to go outside of these established processes at this critical moment in time to file this unfounded lawsuit," the company said in a statement.

The company went on to say that it cares deeply about the opioid epidemic and that there must be work toward meaningful solutions.

"This is why we launched our Opioid Action Program which augments our substantial efforts to combat opioid abuse and is providing funds and support for take back efforts, Narcan giveaways for first responders, and grants for communities looking to find holistic solutions to this public health issue throughout Ohio," it said.

"Cardinal Health has made a significant investment in state-of-the-art controls to effectively combat the diversion of pain medications from legitimate uses. We believe this kind of effort and investment, and not baseless litigation, is the way to alleviate this problem."

The lawsuit alleges that the companies fueled the opioid epidemic by distributing enough of the drugs to fill more than 11.8 million prescriptions from 2011 to 2016, amounting to dosages that averaged more than 739 million each year.

The drug epidemic has resulted in annual damages in excess of \$1 billion, the lawsuit alleges. Those costs include medical care, treatment for infants born with opioid-related medical conditions; public safety measures; substance abuse prevention; and welfare and social services for the children of addicted parents.

The lawsuit also alleges that more than 7,000 Ohioans have died due to the opioid crisis.

The companies "have supplied and continue to supply quantities of prescription opioids in and around Ohio without taking proper measures based on their actual or constructive knowledge that individuals were consuming opioids for non-medical purposes," the lawsuit reads.

Among the remedies Mr. DeWine is seeking are punitive and compensatory damages.

This marks the second lawsuit the AG has filed against drug companies over the opioid crisis. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 31, 2017)

Nearly \$29M In State IT Funding Clears Controlling Board

Controlling Board members Monday approved more funding for state information technology projects after raising questions about performance-based contracts and the state's savings from consolidating services.

The requests from the Department of Administrative Services included one worth nearly \$24.8 million for the state's main IT services delivery line item, which has increased over the years due to the consolidation, DAS Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Leymaster told the board.

The other request, for \$4.4 million, dealt specifically with a pair of projects involving nine agencies, she said.

Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) asked if the state's IT contracts have performance clauses for the timing of delivery or for the accountability of functions.

The request Monday didn't deal with specific contracts, just the appropriation changes needed to cover contract costs, Ms. Leymaster said.

"We'd be happy to see if individual contracts have the type of controls that you're asking about," she said.

Ms. Leymaster told Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) that the projects are part of a broader optimization project that has saved the state more than \$160 million since its inception.

The board also approved two significant funding requests from the Development Services Agency to support affordable housing after Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) asked about cost containment measures and access for people with disabilities.

The requests included \$13.6 million for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to administer the Housing Development Assistance Program, and \$5.5 million for housing assistance programs across the state.

Kelan Craig, director of planning, preservation and development at the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, said the administration has worked to ensure projects are done effectively at low cost.

As for accessibility for people with disabilities, there are specific requirements for projects targeted at seniors and for permanent supportive housing developments, but not for standard affordable housing, he said.

"Let's just watch that and make sure we don't have a problem with that," Sen. Coley said.

A request by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for \$1.1 million to replace the emergency generator at Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare in Athens was approved after Sen. Coley asked about the hospital's involvement in plans to participate in peak demand emergency programs.

Stephen Wilson, legislative liaison for ODMHAS, said the state found it would only save a couple thousand dollars to participate in the utility's peak demand program, while placing strict requirements on hospital staff.

Sen. Coley said the programs can help other facilities, such as industries and schools, when the power goes down.

"Hospitals around the state are finding great benefits to these programs," he said.

In total, the board approved 82 requests for funding.

Other items approved included: (Agenda)

- \$2.9 million - Central State University - for repair and modernization of the Hallie Q. Brown Memorial Library.
- \$11.7 million - Cleveland State University - to contract for an addition project at Fenn Hall.

- \$1.9 million - Cuyahoga Community College - to buy 12.82 acres of real estate in Euclid for the expansion of the Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Academy.
- \$1 million - Adjutant General's Department - for masonry renovation and HVAC work at the Hamilton Readiness Center in Butler County.
- \$4.6 million - DAS - for administration of the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System.
- \$2.3 million - Department of Agriculture - for lab supplies and equipment.
- \$1.1 million - Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services - for emergency generator replacement at Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare in Athens.
- \$1.6 million - Bureau of Motor Vehicles - for federal grants to purchase and install document scanners and update existing computer systems to confirm commercial driver's license applicants provided proof of citizenship or permanent residency.
- \$10.5 million - Facilities Construction Commission - for master facilities plan amendments from Elida Local School District and Bloom-Carroll Local School District.

Adult Charge Stemming From Juvenile Conviction Challenged At High Court

Can a juvenile adjudication be used to satisfy an element of a crime committed as an adult?

Anthony Carnes will argue that it can't in a case the Ohio Supreme Court is set to hear Tuesday.

Mr. Carnes was charged with a third-degree felony offense of weapon-under-disability based on a 1994 juvenile adjudication. He moved to have the charge dismissed, but the trial court denied his motion.

The First District Court of Appeals upheld the trial court's decision. But Mr. Carnes argued that both court erred in their decisions.

"Simply put, juvenile adjudications are not criminal convictions and should not be viewed as such. This conclusion is reinforced by the fact that Ohio's juvenile system uses two different approaches, one mandatory and one discretionary, to transfer its most severe offenders into the adult system, and has a process to include an adult sentence with a juvenile rehabilitation for the next most serious level of offenders," his merit brief reads.

"In line with that approach, this court has prohibited juvenile adjudications from increasing punishment for subsequent adult conduct. Given that framework, it is incongruous for such adjudications to be permitted to turn what would otherwise be lawful conduct into a crime. Thus, a juvenile adjudication should not be deemed to meet an element of an offense charged against an adult."

The Juvenile Law Center and the Buckeye Firearms Association both weighed in on the case on behalf of Mr. Carnes.

"Individuals with Ohio juvenile adjudications do not fit into the long standing prohibition on the possession of firearms by felons because they simply are not felons by definition," the BFA wrote in its amicus brief.

The state, however, argues that a juvenile adjudication cannot be used to enhance a penalty, but it can be used as an element of a crime. The state also contends that if the court were to side with Mr. Carnes it would gut the state's law prohibiting the possession of a weapon under disability.

Under the law, "there are multiple means of being placed under a disability that do not include the right to a jury trial: being a fugitive from justice, being under indictment for a felony offense of violence, being under indictment for a felony drug offense, being drug dependent or in danger of drug dependence, being a chronic alcoholic, and being adjudicated mentally incompetent. Just as is the case with a juvenile adjudication, none of those situations carries a right to a jury trial - state," the state writes.

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office has also asked the court to affirm the First District ruling.

"Persons who commit violent felony offenses are considered bad risks who should not be allowed to legally possess a firearm. The fact that a person who commits the violent felony offense as a juvenile does not make that person any less of a bad risk," it wrote in an amicus brief.

"But Ohio's weapons disability law recognizes that people can turn their lives around and become law-abiding citizens after committing a single indiscretion or even after committing a series of crimes decades ago. That person can legally possess a firearm after following the appropriate statutory remedy; but until that time, the person should not be able to possess a firearm under Ohio law."

Three district court judges will be involved in the case because Justice Sharron Kennedy, Justice Patrick Fischer and Justice Patrick DeWine have recused themselves.

Justice DeWine concurred in judgement only with the First District's opinion upholding the trial court's decision to deny the motion to dismiss the charge.

The high court is set to hear two other cases Tuesday, it reported:

- In *Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation v. Cirino*, it will hear a case involving a Bureau of Workers' compensation beneficiary challenging the electronic payment program because he is charged fees by his bank. The state argues the case must be filed in the Court of Claims.
- A Columbus attorney is facing a six-month stayed suspension for failure to keep and maintain required financial records in the case of *Columbus Bar Association v. Keating*.

Ohio Groups Debate Trump's Short-Term Health Plan Proposal

A Trump administration proposal to expand options for short-term health insurance is designed to give consumers more options in the marketplace without the regulatory burden of current plans.

Opponents say it could lead to more limited coverage and raise premiums for people on standard exchange plans.

The proposal by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, announced last week, would allow short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans to provide coverage for up to 12 months, up from the current maximum of three months.

These plans are not required to meet the federal requirements for individual health insurance, such as providing essential health benefits or coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.

"In a market that is experiencing double-digit rate increases, allowing short-term, limited-duration insurance to cover longer periods gives Americans options and could be the difference between someone getting coverage or going without coverage at all," CMS Administrator Seema Verma said in a statement.

In Ohio, the move will provide more competition in the marketplace for health insurance, said Greg Lawson, research fellow at the Buckeye Institute.

"It's not going to be a perfect fit for everybody, but for those individuals that it works for, this could be something that could work for you, and it would be a cheaper alternative than being forced into the exchange," he said in an interview.

Critics say the change will erode coverage for people who sign up for the short-term plans and drive up premiums for those who need the more comprehensive coverage of Affordable Care Act-compliant plans.

"These short-term plans are likely to be harmful in the long run," said Steven Wagner, executive director of UHCAN Ohio. "Since they may lack meaningful coverage, people may find that their health care costs are not covered or face substantial out of pocket costs. These plans are a step in the wrong direction."